

# **Requirements for Upland Wildlife Habitat Management Incentive**

## **EQIP Tennessee FY2008**

### **Eligibility:**

Producers are eligible for this incentive payment for no more than 2 years after they have:

- Established permanent Native grass stands by following one of the following NRCS practice standards
  - Pasture and Hayland Planting (512)
  - Filter Strip (393)
  - Field Border (386)

### **Activity Required:**

The following activities are required for the incentive payment:

- Haying and Grazing are prohibited during incentive payment years
- Equipment travel and other disturbance activities shall be restricted during critical nesting, fawning, or brood rearing seasons including the primary bird nesting season of April 15 to August 15, with the following exceptions:
  - Weed control during the first growing season after planting native warm season grasses
  - "Spot" treatments to control noxious or undesirable plants.
- Management measures shall be provided to control invasive species and noxious weeds.

### **Payment Rate**

\$75 per acre for established acreage of native grass managed for wildlife (two year maximum)